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A BILL FOR AN ACT

RELATING TO SOCIAL SERVICES.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF HAWAII:

1 SECTION 1. Chapter 346, Hawaii Revised Statutes, is
2 amended by adding two new sections to be appropriately
3 designated and to read as follows:

4 "§346- Electronic benefits transfer. No person shall
5 use an electronic benefits transfer card or similar debit card
6 type device:

7 (1) For the purchase of alcoholic beverages or tobacco; or

8 (2) As part of a transaction in which alcoholic beverages
9 or tobacco are purchased by means other than an
10 electronic benefits transfer card or similar debit
11 card type device.

12 The director shall adopt rules pursuant to chapter 91 for
13 the purposes of this section.

14 §346- Rental assistance. (a) The department shall
15 establish a program to pay rental payments directly to the owner
16 of the rental property for any person eligible for rental
17 financial assistance by the department; provided that the State



1 shall not be deemed liable for any damages to the rental
2 property by the person; and provided further that the property
3 owner may seek reimbursement directly from the person for any
4 damages.

5 (b) The department shall provide to the department of
6 taxation the amounts paid to each owner of rental property
7 pursuant to subsection (a).

8 (c) The director shall adopt rules pursuant to chapter 91
9 for the purposes of this section."

10 SECTION 2. New statutory material is underscored.

11 SECTION 3. This Act shall take effect on July 1, 2009.

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Report Title:

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Description:

Prohibits the use of an electronic benefits transfer card for the purchase of alcoholic beverages or tobacco, or as part of a transaction in which alcoholic beverages or tobacco are purchased by means other than an electronic benefits transfer card; requires the department of human services to establish a program to pay rental payments directly to the owner of the rental property for any person eligible for rental financial assistance by the department; requires the department to establish rules for both programs.

